

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

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TITLE: DOLLARS FOR TEXAS

AUGUST 1829... IS TEXAS FOR SALE?

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

AUGUST 25, 1829. WASHINGTON. FOR YEARS, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS WANTED THE MEXICAN PROVINCE OF TEXAS.

TODAY, PRESIDENT ANDREW JACKSON AUTHORIZES HIS ENVOY ANTHONY BUTLER TO OFFER MEXICO FIVE MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE FRONTIER TERRITORY. AFTER ALL, MEXICO IS IN DEBT, AND THE REGION IS COSTLY AND IN CONSTANT TURMOIL.

BUTLER, A CORRUPT SCAMP WHO SPEAKS NO SPANISH AND BRAGS ABOUT BRIBING OFFICIALS, IS SENT TO MEXICO CITY. NEGOTIATIONS DRAG ON FOR YEARS.

WHEN TEXAS WINS ITS INDEPENDENCE IN 1836, BOTH THE U.S. AND MEXICO LOSE OUT. TEN YEARS LATER, THE U.S. PAID TEXAS \$10 MILLION TO JOIN THE UNION.

TEXAS WAS NOT FOR SALE 183 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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Thomas W. Cutrer, "BUTLER, ANTHONY," *Handbook of Texas Online*

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